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REMARKS

Applicants have reviewed the entire specification. Applicant has amended claims 1, 3, 6-7, 11-12 and 18, and has kept claims 2, 4-5, 8-10 and 13-17 unchanged.

Specification

The specification is objected to as failing to provide proper antecedent basis for the claimed subject matter. See 37 CFR 1.75(d)(1) and MPEP § 608.01(o). Correction of the following is required. Claim 18 refers to both the roots and the tips of arrays of carbon nanotubes. These terms are not defined in the specification and it is unclear what these terms refer to.

In response to the specification objection, Applicant has amended claim 18 by canceling the terms of the roots and the tips. It is believed that claim 18 now has proper antecedent basis in the specification, and withdrawal of the objection is requested.

Double Patenting

Claims 1-18 are provisionally rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 as claiming the same invention as that of claims 1-18 of copending Application No. 10/811414 (US20040192153).

In response to the double patenting rejection, Applicant has discussed this situation with the Applicant of the copending application. The specification of the copending application is in error, and the Applicant thereof did file an Amendment including amendment of one or more of claims 1-18 thereof. It is believed that such an Amendment will negate any double patenting that may presently exist as between the copending

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application and the present application. In these circumstances, Applicant requests that the present Amendment be entered, and that the double patenting rejection be held in abeyance pending confirmation of entry of the Amendment in the copending application which is also examined by the Examiner of the instant application..

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